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### **RICH JACKSON NAMED TO STATE TAX COMMISSION**

(BOISE) – Governor C. L. "Butch" Otter announced the appointment today of Emmett accountant and veteran public servant **Rich Jackson** to a six-year term on the Idaho State Tax Commission.

He will fill the vacancy left by Governor Otter's June appointment of then-Commissioner Severina "Sam" Haws to lead the Idaho Commission on Aging.

"Rich Jackson is the model of an engaged citizen. He and his wife Trudy have tirelessly stepped up time and again to express their civic virtue and to meet the needs of their community and our state," Governor Otter said. "I'm grateful that Rich will be bringing his CPA skills and deep understanding of Idaho's people and system of government to the Tax Commission. We all will be the beneficiaries."

A former chairman of the Gem County Republican Central Committee, Jackson will join Democrats Tom Katsilometes and David Langhorst and Chairman Bob Geddes – former Republican president pro tem of the Idaho Senate – on the four-member Tax Commission.

Jackson, 67, has filled a number of roles on State and local boards and commissions throughout southwestern Idaho over the years, including chairman of the Idaho Legislative Compensation Committee. In order to accept his new role, Jackson has stepped down from that committee, as well as from the Boise Metro Chamber PAC, where he was treasurer; the Idaho Manufactured Housing Board; and from his role as treasurer for the Idaho House of Representatives' Republican Caucus.

Jackson also committed to taking other steps to ensure transparency in his actions and prevent even the appearance of any conflicts between his personal and business interests and his responsibilities as a Tax Commission member. That includes withdrawing from his CPA partnership and recusing himself from any Tax Commission issue involving former clients, his partner or employees of that firm.

"I want to thank Governor Otter for the confidence that he has placed in me for the position of Tax Commissioner. I look forward to working with Chairman Geddes and the other commissioners," Jackson said.

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